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FROM AMBASSADOR FOR CONSUL GENERAL

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SUBJECT: RESETTLEMENT OF INDOCHINESE REFUGEES

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1. WE UNDERSTAND FROM THE WORKING LEVEL IN THE FOREIGN OFFICE THAT THE STATE SECRETARIES OF THE LAENDER MINISTRIES FOR DOMESTIC AFFAIRS MET OCTOBER 13 TO CONSIDER OUR REQUEST THAT THE FRG ACCEPT A SUBSTANTIAL NUMBER OF INDOCHINESE REFUGEES FOR RESETTLEMENT.

2. WE HAVE ASKED THE FRG: 1) TO EXPEDITE THE PROCESSING OF INDIVIDUAL APPLICATIONS FOR RESETTLEMENT AND TO MAKE IT EASIER TO APPLY BY RELAXING CRITERIA AND REDUCING REQUESTS FOR DOCUMENTATION, AND 2) TO ACC ACCEPT SEVERAL THOUSAND REFUGEES WHO ARE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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PRESENTLY LOCATED IN SOUTHEAST ASIA. IN RESPONSE TO

OUR APPROACHES THE FOREIGN OFFICE HAS PLEADED INABILITY TO DICTATE TO THE LAENDER. IT HAS OFFERED SOME HOPE THAT PROCESSING OF INDIVIDUAL APPLICATIONS WILL BE SPEEDED, BUT IT HAS HELD OUT LITTLE HOPE THAT THE FRG WILL ACCEPT SEVERAL THOUSAND REFUGEES FROM ASIA.

3. THE FOREIGN OFFICE HAS INFORMED US FURTHER THAT THE LAENDER STATE SECRETARIES FOR DOMESTIC AFFAIRS, OR THEIR MINISTERS, WILL BE MEETING AGAIN IN THE NEAR FUTURE IN ORDER TO AGREE ON NUMBERS AND CATEGORIES OF REFUGEES AND THE FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS OF OUR REQUEST.

4. I WOULD APPRECIATE IT IF YOU OR A MEMBER OF YOUR STAFF COULD CALL ON THE APPROPRIATE LAENDER OFFICIALS, REFERRING TO OUR APPROACHES TO THE FOREIGN OFFICE AND STATING THAT WE WOULD APPRECIATE EFFORTS ON THE PART OF THE LAENDER TOWARD MEETING OUR REQUEST. THE FRG DECISION MAKING PROCESS IS OBVIOUSLY AT A CRITICAL POINT. I LEAVE TO YOUR JUDGMENT HOW HARD WE CAN PRESS THE LAENDER AUTHORITIES IN YOUR CONSULAR DISTRICT AND AT WHAT LEVEL THEY SHOULD BE APPROACHED. HOWEVER, I DO WANT ALL LOCAL GERMAN AUTHORITIES TO BE AWARE OF OUR HIGH INTEREST AND IMPRESSED WITH THE URGENCY WE ATTACH TO RESOLUTION OF THIS QUESTION. A MORE RESPONSIVE ATTITUDE ON THEIR PART IS ESSENTIAL TOWARD MEETING THE DEPARTMENT'S AND MY DESIRES.

5. TALKING POINTS WHICH YOU MAY USE IN YOUR CONVERSATIONS ARE:

-- OVER 150,000 REFUGEES HAVE LEFT SOUTH VIET NAM AND CAMBODIA. THE UNITED STATES HAS ACCEPTED 130,000 OF

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THEM. HOWEVER, OVER 20,000 REMAIN STRANDED IN SOUTH-EAST ASIA AND ARE A SUBJECT OF GREAT INTERNATIONAL CONCERN.

-- OTHER COUNTRIES HAVE AGREED TO ACCEPT A SUBSTANTIAL NUMBER OF REFUGEES. FRANCE AND CANADA, FOR EXAMPLE, EACH AGREED TO ACCEPT 5,000. HOWEVER, THE FRG HAS ACCEPTED PRACTICALLY NONE.

-- WE ARE AWARE OF THE FRG AGREEING TO PERMIT REFUGEES RESIDENT IN THE FRG TO REMAIN HERE. THESE REFUGEES MAY TOTAL AS MANY AS 3,000.

-- WE ARE ALSO AWARE OF THE DECISIVE ROLE THAT THE LAENDER PLAY IN ACCEPTING REFUGEES. WE KNOW THAT THE SOCIAL BUDGETS OF THE LAENDER ARE UNDER SEVERE STRAIN AND THAT THE INFLUX OF A LARGE NUMBER OF REFUGEES WOULD SUBJECT THESE BUDGETS TO EVEN GREATER LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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STRAINS.

-- HOWEVER, IN VIEW OF THE DEPLORABLE CONDITIONS IN WHICH THESE REFUGEES ARE LIVING, WE HOPE THAT THE LAENDER AUTHORITIES CAN COOPERATE WITH THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT IN AGREEING TO ACCEPT SEVERAL THOUSAND REFUGEES WHO ARE PRESENTLY LOCATED IN SOUTHEAST ASIA.

-- WE ALSO HOPE THAT THE LAENDER CAN RELAX PRESENT CRITERIA FOR PROCESSING INDIVIDUAL APPLICATIONS FOR RESETTLEMENT IN THE FRG SO THAT THE REFUGEES PRESENTLY IN THE US SYSTEM WHO WANT TO COME TO THE FRG (APPROXIMATELY 150) WILL BE ABLE TO DO SO.

6. PLEASE REPORT BY TELEGRAM THE RESULT OF YOUR

APPROACHES ALONG WITH AN ESTIMATE OF THE TOTAL NUMBER OF
REFUGEES THE LAENDER IN YOUR CONSULAR DISTRICT CAN BE
EXPECTED TO ACCEPT. PLEASE SEND A COPY OF YOUR REPORT
TO THE DEPARTMENT FOR ITS INFORMATION.
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